Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Maurice Severson and Annabelle Rask exchanged their wedding vows on October 4, 1953, at Gayville Methodist Church in Gayville, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Maurice and Annabelle gave life and love to three children, Thomas, Janet, and John; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Maurice and Annabelle have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2003, as

MAURICE AND ANNABELLE SEVERSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State